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EMBOFF DISCUSSED OASGA 28 ASSEMBLY WITH DIRGEN FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF FONSEC GONZALEZ GALVEZ WHO STRESSED THAT THE KEY TO THE FUTURE OF THE OAS IS THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY THE SYSTEM AND PROPOSE MEASURES FOR RESTRUCTURING IT, WHICH MUST ADMIT THE POLITICAL FAILURE OF THE OAS AND CREATE AN ORGANIZATION FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE HEMISPHERE. GONZALEZ GALVEZ EMPHASIZED THAT THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE OAS' PROBLEMS IS THE RIO TREATY OF 1947; HE CLAIMED THAT THE INTER- AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD IS ADEQUATE TO ENSURE HEMISPHERIC DEFENSE, WHICH, IN TODAY' S NUCLEAR MISSILE AGE, IS HARDLY THREATENED. HE DID ACKNOWLEDGE THE USEFULNESS OF THE OAS AS AN ARBITER OF PURELY LATIN AMERICAN DISPUTES. GONZALEZ GALVEZ STRESSED THAT IN THE FUTURE IT MUST BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT MEMBER STATES OF THE OAS ARE FREE TO RESORT TO ANY INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON ANY ISSUE WITHOUT FIRST RESORTING TO THE OAS. HE CONCLUDED BY CHARACTERIZING THE PRESENT US POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA AS ONE OF BENIGN NEGLECT, NOT GOOD, BUT BETTER THAN A RETURN TO THE OLD POLICY OF THE " BIG STICK."

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